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SUBJECT: PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECLARATION PROTESTS ARREST OF
LUIS CORVALAN

REF: BUCHAREST 3504 AND 3529

1. SCINTEIA OF OCTOBER 2 FRONT-PAGES STRONGLY-WORDED
DECLARATION BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PCR CENTRAL COMMITTEE
PROTESTING ARREST OF CHILEAN CP GENERAL SECRETARY, LUIS
CORVALAN. STATING THAT "ENTIRE ROMANIAN PEOPLE" LEARNED
OF ARREST WITH "PROFOUND ANXIETY AND INDIGNATION," DECLARA-
TION CALLS CORVALAN FRIEND OF ROMANIA AND PROMOTER OF
ROMANIAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS. DECLARATION CONCLUDES WITH
ASSERTION THAT ROMANIAN PEOPLE STAND BY PATRIOTIC DEMOCRATIC
AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN CHILE IN COMPLETE SOLIDARITY
AND BELIEVE THAT NOTHING CAN KEEP CHILE FROM MOVING FORWARD
ON THE ROAD OF "LIBERTY, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL
PROGRESS."

2. SAME ISSUE OF SCINTEIA CARRIES TEXT OF LONG SPEECH
BY CEAUSESCU ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF TUDOR
VLADIMIRESCU DIVISION. WHILE SPEECH COVERS VARIOUS FOREIGN
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POLICY QUESTIONS IN ROUTINE MANNER INCLUDING CEAUSESCU'S

RECENT VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA, CHILE IS NOT EVEN MENTIONED.

3. COMMENT: WE SEE NO CHANGE IN ROMANIA'S POLICY OF RETAIN-
ING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE
(REFTELS). PRESENT DECLARATION IS FIRST OFFICIAL ROMANIAN
STATEMENT ON CHILEAN EVENTS AND, IN VIEW OF CORVALAN'S
POSITION AND FACT THAT HE HAS VISITED ROMANIA AND IS WELL
KNOWN HERE, IS MINIMUM STEP WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED IN
CIRCUMSTANCES. ROMANIANS NO DOUBT WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE
WHATEVER PUBLIC STANCE THEY BELIEVE THEIR STANDING AS GOOD
SOCIALIST STATE REQUIRES BUT MAINTAINING THE HOPE THAT
DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH CHILE CAN BE AVOIDED.
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